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FM AMEMBASSY LOME

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7955

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AMEMBASSY PARIS IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

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TAGS: ETRD, EAID, OVIP (TEVI, BENISSAN)

SUBJ: MIN COMMERCE TEVI VISIT TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS WHEAT

REF: A. LOME 1505 (NOTAL); B. STATE 153563 (NOTAL) C. EC  
BRUSSELS 3385 (NOTAL)

1. MIN COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY BENISSAN TEVI RECEIVED A-1 VISA  
JULY 15. REQUEST VIA MESSENGER INDICATED ONLY INTENTION TRANSIT  
US EN ROUTE KINGSTON, JAMAICA CONFERENCE OF EEC-ASSOCIATED  
STATES WHICH OPENS JULY 22.

2. AT BASTILLE DAY RECEPTION JULY 14 TEVI AGAIN RAISED QUESTION  
OF HIS REQUEST FOR 5,000 TONS WHEAT IN CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR,  
WHO INFORMED HIM WASHINGTON HAD BEEN ADVISED AND RESPONSE  
WAS EXPECTED SOON. MINISTER MENTIONED FORTHCOMING TRIP TO CARIBBEAN,  
INCLUDING VISIT TO PUERTO RICO, BUT SAID NOTHING OF PLANS TO  
PURSUE WHEAT REQUEST IN WASHINGTON DURING TRIP.

3. REFTEL (B) ARRIVED NIGHT JULY 16, SEEN BY US JULY 17,  
BY WHICH TIME TEVI HAD LEFT FOR PARIS. MIN COMMERCE DIRECTOR  
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OF CABINET TOLD EMBOFF TODAY (JULY 17) TEVI GAVE HIM NO PRECISE

ITINERARY, BUT HE WILL BE IN PARIS TONIGHT, BRUSSELS TOMORROW;  
HE DID NOT RPT NOT KNOW TEVI'S ETA/ETD US, OR WHETHER MINISTER  
PLANS VISIT WASHINGTON EN ROUTE JAMAICA OR AFTERWARDS. HE SAID  
TEVI PLANS VISIT US AND CANADA "TO DISCUSS WHEAT," BUT HAS  
NOT ASKED TOGOLESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO MAKE ADVANCE ARRANGEMENTS;  
HE INTENDS, INSTEAD, MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TALKS AFTER ARRIVAL  
WASHINGTON.

4. REGRET SEQUENCE OF EVENTS PREVENTED DELIVERY OF POLITE  
REJECTION OF REQUEST ON BASIS REFTEL (B) AND EARLIER USG RESPONSE.  
BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO RECALL TEVI RAISED SAME QUESTION OCTOBER  
16, 1973 WITH DR ADAMS DURING LATTER'S LAST TOGO VISIT AND  
DR ADAMS GAVE NEGATIVE REPLY (LOME 1939). ALSO NOTE EC COMMISSION  
INTENDS GRANT TOGO 3,500 METRIC TONS GRAIN--APPARENTLY WHEAT  
(USEC BRUSSELS 3385) AS PART OF ITS 73/74 COMMITMENT UNDER  
FOOD AID CONVENTION.

5. IN TEVI'S ABSENCE, EMBASSY WILL PROCEED WITH NECESSARY  
FORMAL REPLY TO FONMIN NOTE FEBRUARY 28 AS AGREED WITH DEPARTMENT  
(REFTEL B).  
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